

RM-10809, I disagree with the general concept of removal of the CW, element 1, for any amateur class license that allows HF operating privileges. However, I do agree with the comments made about, Limiting same-session retesting and requiring 30 days between retakes. This concept worked quite well in the 50 and 60's.

General comments about CW and Amateur Radio.

I feel it is very important to keep the CW requirement for any Amateur licenses classes that allows any HF privilege, and it would be better for the Amateur Radio Fraternity to reinstate the CW requirement for all licenses classes. Why ?, CW is the one thing that makes 'Ham' radio what it is. With the diminished use of CW by commercial and military users, the requirement of element 1 may make Ham Radio the last remaining reserve of individuals that could use CW. When everything else has failed, Ham Radio could become a Vital National Resource.

Most importantly, the remove of CW will be removing the last challenge that separates those that are really interested in Amateur Radio, and those who have just a passing fancy. Also, the Amateur Radio fraternity on the hole, is well regulated, Why in the world would the US government want to open the door to the likes of CB, who are a renegade lot of misfits, which thumb their noses at the FCC and regulation.

Please resist changing the rules governing Amateur Radio, the WARC2003 changes might work for some countries, However we, the USA, should take a 'wait and see' attitude. Before we jump into the fray, lets just set back a few years and see how things work out for those other countries.

In closing,

The best thing the FCC could do for Amateur Radio, is do NOTHING.

Leave well enough alone. Thank you for consideration and your time..

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